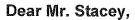
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I am one of 5 voting-age adults in our household, and we all support the new streamflow regs and want them completed without being weakened. We also desire to have the defined Class 4 streams, as proposed, to be eliminated from the regs. As written, these streams are written off, and may be allowed to go dry. Please eliminate Class 4, or change so that every stream in the state will have some level of protection.

TO THE PRESENCE

BUREAU CHIEF

We spend a great deal of time outdoors and in our own backyard we are fortunate to have the Pequannock River valley and its miles of pleasant trails. We have seen many waterways in the Northwest corner or in the area near the Naugatuck River that were severely stressed and the unpredictable water levels were disastrous for the fish and amphibians.

The major state environmental organizations have already provided their expertise. I'm sure the water companies and other corporate stakeholders have had their input—now it's time the people who hike and spend a great deal of time outdoors spoke up for the streams—I hope you will listen.

Thanks for you consideration.

Sincerely,

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